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Mass this Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 28th January 2024

Today's Readings

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 God will raise a prophet among you who will speak with the Lord's word.

1 Corinthians 7:32-35 Paul invites people to fulfil their role for which the Lord has called them, free from worry.

Mark 1:21-28 The crowd recognises Jesus as a prophet who offers a teaching that is new, which he speaks with authority.

Mass This Week

Saturday 27th 6:30pm

Sunday 28th 9:00am

10:30am

Tuesday 30th 6:00pm

Wednesday 31st 9:15am

Thursday 1st 9:15am

Friday 2nd 11:00 am

Weekday

St John Bosco

Weekday

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Intentions

Betty Caulfield (RIP)

Jean Holland (RIP)

For Our Parishioners

Anne Doyle (102nd Birthday)

The Salesians

Mgr Edward Dunderdale (RIP)

Mothers

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for a Private Intention (VS)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation may be celebrated during exposition (5:30pm Saturday) or by appointment.

Please note that it is our intention to livestream the 9am Sunday Mass and most of the weekday Masses.

Please Note Change of Mass Time on Friday

for the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord** (Candlemas) the mass will be at 11am. This will enable some of the school to attend and celebrate with us.

Racial Justice Sunday

A theme this year is to explore and celebrate the many saints of colour in the Catholic Church who have inspired the faithful in their devotions. See: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/saints-of-colour/>

God of light and truth, you call all men and women to live lives of holiness and justice. Help us to see in one another: a heart which is tender, a mind which is humble and a care for our brothers and sisters; so that together we may build up the Body of Christ as a sign of hope and mercy for all. We make this prayer through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Lent will be on us very soon.

1. If you are willing to give up your palm crosses to create ashes for Ash Wednesday, please leave them in the basket in the Sacristy.
2. If you are willing to lead Stations of the Cross on Fridays in Lent, please sign up on the sheet in the Sacristy
3. If you would like to be part of a group using the resource on the Lord's Prayer *We Dare to Say* please sign up on the sheet in the sacristy and indicate if you prefer daytime or evening (and which day or evening if necessary)
4. Our Parish *Lent Penitential Service* will be Thursday March 14th at 7:30pm. The usual opportunities for the sacrament of reconciliation will continue at 5:30pm on Saturdays or by appointment.

Towards October 2024 As expected we have now been asked to contribute to the next phase of the Synodal Pathway. We will have a Parish Meeting at 7:30pm on Thursday 22nd February.

Weddings: Summer 2024 Several couples have dates coming up for their weddings this summer. As we are getting to the stage of six months before the marriage ceremony, please can they contact Fr Philip to make sure that all the necessary paperwork and timings we have are correct, and begin to plan the Orders of Service.

World Day Of Prayer This will be on Friday 1st March 2024 at 2.00pm - 3:00pm(ish) for an hour at The Methodist Church (times to be confirmed). All are welcome. A bit nearer the time we will need some volunteers to do Readings etc - possibly up to 4 or 5 - not sure yet exactly how many but if anyone felt able to please let Marion Kett know. There will be more information coming out in the next few weeks. Telephone Number 07511 009472 or email @marion.kett@btinternet.com.

Pilgrim Cross - Palm Sunday 24th March 2024

We are looking for some lovely hosts for the evening of Palm Sunday from about 5.00pm until Monday at 8.00am. The Pilgrims always appreciate a warm comfortable bed, a hot meal in the evening and breakfast to restore them for the onward journey on Monday. Last year we were able to host all our Pilgrims and it would be wonderful to be able to open our homes to them again this year. Prior to their visit we are made aware of any dietary needs and, we do know that we have a Pilgrim who has an Assistance Dog. Please contact Marion on 07511 009472 or email @marion.kett@btinternet.com.

The Westminster Yearbook 2023-2024

(containing the 2024 Liturgical Calendar) Copies are now available to purchase for £5 in the sacristy.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for January For The Gift Of Diversity In The Church Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognise the gift of different charisma within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

Next Weekend Special Collection for the Latin Patriarchate in Jerusalem to assist the work of the Church in Gaza and the West Bank.

Cardinal Vincent has asked us to help him respond to a request for help from the Latin Patriarchate in Jerusalem.

He writes:

I have heard directly, via Zoom, from the Parish Priest of the Church of the Holy Family in Gaza City and from the CEO of the Latin Patriarchate. The situation they face is grave and most demanding. We were told that there are still 600 people sheltering and being cared for in the parish compound, together with over 50 seriously disabled and vulnerable children. Water and food can be bought in the local markets at much inflated prices. With the damage inflicted on this site some time ago now, cooking hot meals is only possible three times a week. The parish is also providing for 200 people in the Orthodox property as well as for local Muslim neighbours.

The situation in the West Bank is also grave with more than 100,000 families losing income because of various factors, as well as the absence of all visitors and pilgrims.

The Patriarchate is able to provide assistance. It can make funding directly available to the parish leadership and is providing food etc to many in the West Bank.

I invite you to contribute to the work of the Latin Patriarch. Our Finance Office is ready to facilitate the speedy transfer to the Patriarchate of any such donations.